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TNFRS personnel rescuing people from waterlogged Mudichur near Tambaram in Chennai on Tuesday | P RAVIKUMAR

DEATH TOLL IN TN RISES TO 17, STALIN ASKS CENTRE FOR ₹5K CR

AS the death toll due to Cyclone Michaung rose to 17 in Chennai and with many parts of the city and its neighbouring districts facing waterlogging, Chief Minister MK Stalin on Tuesday said the state government is seeking ₹5,000 crore urgently from the government of India for immediate relief, rescue and restoration works and that DMK MPs would raise this demand in Parliament too.

Revanth gets hot seat, will take oath tomorrow

Vikramarka and Uttam had thrown their hats in the Telangana CM ring as well

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@ Hyderabad

IT'S official. A Revanth Reddy will be sworn in as the next chief minister of Telangana on December 7.

The Congress high command announced Revanth's name following daylong deliberations with the AICC observers and the other two contenders for the post — Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and N Uttam Kumar Reddy.

AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said that the AICC observers D K Shivakumar and Telangana in-charge Manikrao Thakre gave a detailed report on their observations about the CLP meeting.

"After considering the report, and following discussions, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has decided to go with Revanth Reddy, TPCC president, as the new CLP of Telangana," Venugopal said.

He said that the Congress government will be a team and not a one-man show and that the party will give due recognition to seniors.

Vikramarka and Uttam had thrown their hats in the CM ring. However, on Tuesday morning, party leader Rahul Gandhi called on Kharge at his residence in Delhi to take the final call. Kharge then informed AICC observers that their choice was Revanth. Following this, the AICC observers spoke to Vikramarka and Uttam, assuring them of key positions within the party and the government.

Earlier in the day, Uttam said that he was the most eligible to become the chief minister as he was a seven-time MLA and a sitting MP, and had worked in the Congress throughout his career as a loyal soldier. He, however, said that he would abide by the high command's decision.

THIRD YOUNGEST CM IN UNDIVIDED ANDHRA

At 54, Revanth will be the second and youngest chief minister of Telangana and the third youngest in undivided Andhra Pradesh. Revanth brought the Congress to power within three years after assuming the reins of TPCC by revitalising the moribund party

Submerged two-wheelers amid floodwaters in Vizag on Tuesday | G SATYANARAYANA

38.8 CM RAIN AT KOTA IN TIRUPATI

In the 24 hours ending 8.30 am on Tuesday, highest rainfall of 38.8 cm was reported at Kota in Tirupati district, followed by Manubolu in Nellore (36.6 cm), Chillakuru (33.5 cm), Naidupeta (27.1 cm) and Balayapalle (23.9 cm) in Tirupati, Saidapuram (22.3 cm) and Venkatachelam (21.3 cm) in Nellore district. Highest rainfall of 14.8 cm was recorded at Eluru, closely followed by Garijepalle (14.5 cm) in Bapatla from 8.30 am to 6 pm on Tuesday. In Anakapalle district, Darlapudi recorded 13.6 cm rainfall, followed by 13 cm in Kothakota and 12.6 cm in Ballighatam. Appikatta in Bapatla district recorded 12.5 cm downpour.

HEAVY RAIN LASHES ANDHRA AS CYCLONE MAKES LANDFALL

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HEAVY rains lashed Tirupati, Nellore, Prakasam, West Godavari and Konaseema districts as the severe cyclonic storm Michaung made landfall near Bapatla between 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm on Tuesday. After reaching the Nellore coast in the early hours of the day, the storm moved northwards parallel to the coastline, before making landfall near Bapatla.

Suryalanka witnessed rough seas with two-metre-high waves hitting the coast. The sea also surged by a few metres in the coastal areas of Bapatla, Repalle and Nizampatnam.

In YSR district, a 45-year-old police constable died after a tree collapsed on him near the Bhakrapet checkpost. The tree had uprooted due to strong winds under the influence of the cyclone. Satya Kumar was on his way to work on a motorcycle when the accident happened.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the intensity of the cyclone decreased after the landfall. It is expected to move northwards and dissipate completely by Wednesday afternoon. Under its influence, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram-Manyam, Alluri Sitarama Raju, Eluru, Krishna and NTR districts are likely to record light to moderate rains. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea.

The strong winds and downpour in parts of the State resulted in inundation of several major roads, and uprooting of huge trees and electrical poles since Monday evening.

The severe cyclone resulted in crop damage (agriculture and horticulture) in Nellore, Tirupati, Bapatla, Guntur, Krishna, NTR, Eluru, Konaseema, Kakinada, West and East Godavari districts. Officials said a clear picture will emerge after enumeration of crop loss, which will be taken up once the rains recedes. Managing director of the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) Dr B R Ambedkar said 58 mandals in seven districts were adversely affected by the cyclone. P5

EXPRESS READ

I.N.D.I.A bloc meeting on December 17, says Lalu

PATNA: RJD president Lalu Prasad, a prominent face of the Opposition, on Tuesday said that top leaders of the I.N.D.I.A bloc will be meeting on December 17 to chalk out the strategy for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. P10

Bomb threat mail: Police to take Interpol help

BENGALURU: The Bengaluru City Police investigating the bomb threat emails sent to schools, have decided to seek help from CBI's Interpol division, since they suspect that the mails could have originated from foreign soil. P3

Misfired bullet hit Arjuna's right leg, alleges mahout

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hassan/Bengaluru

THE death of famed Dasara elephant Arjuna (64) has led to speculation and allegations, with experts questioning the method adopted for the operation, and why the wild tusker was not shot at. Arjuna's mahout has also accused forest officials and veterinarians of allegedly shooting Arjuna instead of the wild tusker.

Arjuna's mahout Vinu, who broke down during his last rites at Yeslur range, Hassan, said Arjuna might have died of an injury on his right leg. He alleged that Arjuna was shot at when he was tussling with the wild tusker in musth (heat), and the injury had slowed him and caused him to collapse.

The mahouts in Balle elephant camp, where Arjuna lived, said they were not keen on sending him for the rescue operation.

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7 die, 3 hurt in Vijayapura corn factory tragedy

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@ Vijayapura

SEVEN workers from Bihar died and three others were injured when huge corn containers collapsed on them at the Rajguru Foods factory on the outskirts of Vijayapura on Monday evening.

Sixteen containers, each weighing 60 tonnes, collapsed all of a sudden at the food processing factory around 7pm. Around 12 workers were working under the containers when the incident occurred, according to those who had a narrow escape.

Four workers reportedly died on the spot. Three workers, who were buried under the heap of corn and metal sheets of the containers, could not be saved even after a four-hour struggle by personnel from the Fire and Emergency Services Department and NDRF.

The deceased have been identified as Rajesh Mukhiya, 25, Rambrij Mukhiya, 29, Shambhu Mukhiya, 26, Ram Balak, 52, Lakhu, 45, Dalchand Mukhiya, 20, and Kishan Kumar, 20. P5

"Educate, Organise and Agitate....!"
-Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

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Garlanding and Honouring the Statue of
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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

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Hon'ble Chief Minister
And
Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa
Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare

December 6, 2023, Wednesday at 9.00 AM
Venue: Front of Vidhana Soudha (East Gate), Bengaluru

Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa,
Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare addressing a meeting.

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